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Claque! Claque!

A little noise has been made during the past week by some little intellectuals who would divorce life from literature, God from art. It seems strange that such a thing should happen in a school devoted and dedicated to the Mother of God, but it has always been possible, and has generally been so.

What becomes of them? They make a little noise in a little group for a time, and then they subside. A student list for enough years ago to show results gives the names of some of these intellectuals who have wound up as fellows:

1. A street car conductor;
2. A mediocre professor in a mediocre college;
3. A clerk in a bank;
4. A hack writer on a sensational metropolitan paper;
5. A substantial lawyer;
6. A minor department head in a large corporation.

We can thank God and His Blessed Mother that they are in occupations that need not interfere with their eternal salvation. And they have grown away from the goofy idea that literature is governed by a higher law than life. God is still in His heaven, and the Ten Commandments still hold sway on His earth.

A Notable Neophyte.

The Chicago papers of the past week carried a meagre notice of the resignation of Prof. Lord from the Harvard Faculty to begin his studies for the priesthood. The Boston Globe gives the following additional facts:

"Prof. Lord, who is one of the ablest scholars and popular professors at the University, has made a statement that he 'became a convert to the Roman Catholic Church and decided to study for the priesthood as a result of seven years of thought and study. The more I studied secular history the more I realized that religion is the most important cause a man can work for and that the highest calling for a man free to devote himself to it is the priesthood.

"I was led to Catholicism during a trip to France as American representative to the Versailles Peace Conference. I was impressed with the wonderful administration of the Church in France and through study of its institutions was led to believe in its teachings.

"For a long time before my conversion in 1920 I had been studying Catholicism and thinking deeply over religious matters. Finally, after much thought and study, I made up my mind to enter the Church. I received preliminary instruction from Rev. Wm. B. Finigan, administrator of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross at that time and now pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Cambridge.

"My conversion was due to my own study and thought and not to outside influence. I began to realize in 1920 that my interests were shifting to religious matters. The more I studied the more I became convinced of the truth of Catholicism."

Harvard, Vienna, Berlin, Moscow and Lemberg are Prof. Lord's schools. He has the reputation of having "determined the boundaries of modern Poland." He is the author of several books of history.

PRAYERS: Father Schreyer's father was struck by a train and killed Thursday morning. A student asks remembrance of a special intention for nine days.